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DEVELOPMENT OF FORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance provided to each State for the development of Horticulture under Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) the criteria for allocation of such assistance;

(c) whether any action plan prepared by the Government for the development and promotion of Horticulture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR):

(a) The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes under which assistance is being provided for the development of horticulture. The Schemes are:

(i) Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plan. Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided for different aspects of agricultural development including horticulture.

(ii) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himacha! Pradesh and Uttaranchal (TMNE). The details of allocation for horticulture sector under the Schemes for the last three years and the current year is given in the enclosed statement-I and II.

(b) The allocation of funds under these schemes is based on the potential for development of horticulture, available infrastructure and capacity with the State implementing agencies and level of expenditure in the past.

(c) and (d) The Government has announced launching of a National Horticulture Mission for dealing hoiisticaily with all aspects of horticulture development, namely research, production and productivity, post harvest management, processing and marketing by adopting an end to end approach.